



Tynus McNeel

January 20, 1934 - December 13, 2007

Memorial Services will be at Stewart Family Funeral Home on Monday, December 17, 2007 at 10:00 AM with Rev. Ferel Little and Rev. Nona Duree Taylor officiating. Graveside services in will be held at Mt. Pleasant, Texas at the Masonic Cemetery on Monday, December 17, 2007. Tynus William McNeel, Sr., M.D. was born on January 20, 1934 in Hearne, Texas to Willie Aubrey McNeel, a former Southern Pacific Railroad employee and Lillian Lawrence McNeel, an English Teacher and Counselor. He died On December 13, 2007 at the Hospice of East Texas in Tyler, Texas. Tynus received his Bachelor of Arts at the University of Texas at Austin in 1956 where he was a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity. He went on to obtain his M.D. from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston in 1960. He did his Internship at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami Florida in 1961. He then completed his Psychiatry Residency at the University of Texas Medical School at Galveston in 1964. Tynus was a Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and became a Distinguished Life Fellow in 1996. He was Board Certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology with Subspecialties in Addiction Psychiatry and Forensic Psychiatry. He was a past president of the East Texas Chapter of Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians, and currently served on the Forensic Psychiatry Committee; Past President Medical Staff and a Member of the Board of Directors of University Park Psychiatric Hospital (now Behavioral Health Center). He was a member of the Smith County Medical Society, Texas Medical Association, Texas

Society of Psychiatric Physicians, American Psychiatric Association, American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry and the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law. He was affiliated with Trinity Mother Frances Hospital, East Texas Medical Center Hospital and the Behavioral Health Center in Tyler, and a partner of Tyler Psychiatric Clinic. Between 1995 and 2002, he served as Physician Case Reviewer for the Texas Medical Foundation and for Private Healthcare Systems. Tynus practiced clinical psychiatry from 1964 until 2002. He started practice with Grady Baskin, MD and when Paul Wick came to Tyler, the practice was known as Baskin, McNeel and Wick. When Joe Arisco and Ray Scardina joined the practice, it was known as Tyler Psychiatry Clinic. In 2002, he retired from patient practice but continued with his practice of Forensic Psychiatry until May of 2007. He worked with both the prosecution and defense for approximately 30 years in Smith County and numerous Texas counties. The majority of his Forensic Psychiatry work has been with Criminal Cases and Civil Issues of Competency, Guardianship and Malpractice defense. When President John Kennedy was assassinated, Tynus was a UT Medical Branch Resident and he was named by Dr. Martin L. Towler (who had been appointed to assess Jack Ruby) to assist in the examination of Jack Ruby of Dallas. This was most certainly the start of a long and successful Forensic career. Tynus was a commander of Co. B, 111th Medical Battalion of the Texas Army National Guard at Fort Crockett with the rank of captain. Tynus was preceded in death by his father, his mother and his mother-in-law, Dorothy King. He is survived by his wife, D'Auan King McNeel; daughter, Lesley McNeel Shaw of Tyler; son, Tynus William McNeel, Jr of Whitehouse; son, Jeffrey Lawrence McNeel and wife Amanda of Palestine; son Lance Christian McNeel and wife Laura of Tyler. Grandchildren, Sealy William Hambright, Brittany McNeel Molandes, Tynus William McNeel, III, Brenton Scott Shaw, Taylor Cheney McNeel, Stayten Laird Shaw, Lawrence Edward McNeel, Logan William McNeel, Connor Ray McNeel and Courtney Hollingsworth and Great-grandchildren, Madeline and Michael Molandes, his father-in-law, Bruce King and wife Martha, brother-in-law, Tommy King and

wife Stephanie, niece, Whitney King and nephew Thomas King of Mt. Pleasant; and the mother of his children, Lillie Critchfield McNeel of Tyler. Pallbearers will be Paul Wick, Buck Files, Jack Skeen, Wade French, Joe Arisco, Ray Scardina, Matt Bingham, Joe Clayton, and Mark Stevenson. Honorary Pallbearers will be Charlie Engelman, Larry Godfrey, WR Gaston, Grady Baskin, Charlie Noble, David Sloan, Judge Kerry Russell, Judge Tom, Dunn, Judge Randall Rogers, and Judge Cynthia Kent. Tynus' great loves were his family, who never ceased to bring a smile to his face and joy to his heart, his love of his work in psychiatry, and bass fishing. He was happiest when his children and grandchildren and friends were around him or when he was on a lake searching for that Big Bass. Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 16, 2007 from 6pm - 8pm at Stewart Family Funeral Home; 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler 75703. The family requests that memorials be directed to Hospice of East Texas; 4111 University Blvd, Tyler 75701. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the Hospice of East Texas who made this time the best it could be for us all. For more information or to express condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *To the family of Tynus McNeel:
I enjoyed the benefit of Dr. McNeel's expertise, wit & bass fishing stories for 8 years as he provided oversight & direction to the treatment program I directed at ETMC-BHC. I was so sorry to learn he has passed on. You have my deepest sympathies as well as my prayer for comfort for the entire family & the community he was such an integral part of. His advice and counsel was an important part of my own personal & professional growth. He will be missed....*

Brenda Sorrell - December 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. I worked with Dr McNeel at what was then University Park Hospital many years ago. I was a recent graduate and he was very kind and helpful in my early days. Always had a kind word and a smile. He will be sorely missed.*

Kathy Pearce - December 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *God Saw You...*

God saw you getting tired. When a cure was not to be, He wrapped his arms around you, and whispered, "Come to me". by Adam Males

Please accept my deepest sympathies with regard to your loss. May the angels watch over you and God grant you the strength needed to see you through your sorrow.

Dr. McNeel was, indeed, a shining light and a very gracious man, always demonstrating his true nature through his every day deeds and manners. It was truly a privilege to have known him.

Claire Mulford

Claire Mulford - December 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM